

North Carolina National Guard Media Advisory

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TO: News Directors, Editors, Public Service Directors

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RE: N.C. Guard Soldiers Helicopter Rescue Training Scheduled
For Tuesday In Salisbury

EXERCISE

North Carolina National Guard rescue teams from around the state will convene this week in Salisbury, NC to practice an operation known as a short haul, allowing them to gain experience hoisting people from the water in emergency situations. Helo Aquatic Rescue Teams (HELO) are first responders hailing from a variety of state locations. They will coordinate Hoist and Sling lift rescue operations from Black Hawk helicopters with members of the North Carolina National Guard's 131st Aviation Division, stationed in Salisbury. The event starts January 17 and will conclude January 18. Media are invited to attend the event between 10:00 a.m. and noon January 18. For more information contact Capt. Christopher Joyner at (919)664-6544.